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TAGS: CI, ELAB

SUBJ: STRIKE AT TENIENTE MINES

REF: SANTIAGO 1691

1. APRIL 24 PRESS REPORTED WORKERS AT TENIENTE COPPER MINING COMPLEX ON STRIKE OVER ISSUE PAST DEDUCTIONS FROM OCTOBER " REAJUSTE" PAY INCREASE ( REFTEL). REPORTS ON EXTENT OF STRIKE ARE CONFLICTING.

2. TOP LEADER OF ZONAL TENIENTE ( REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ENCOMPASSING NINE TENIENTE UNIONS) A POLITICAL INDEPENDENT, TOLD LABATT THAT AS OF 1:00 PM APRIL 23 SEVEN OF NINE UNIONS WERE ON STRIKE. HE ESTIMATES 11,500 ON STRIKE, WITH ABOUT 2,000 STILL WORKING IN FOUNDRY AT CALETONES AND HYDRO- ELECTRIC PLANT AT COYA. ESTIMATES FOUNDRY PRODUCTION PRESENTLY REDUCED AT 20 PERCENT NORMAL AND PROCESSING FROM RESERVE CONCENTRATES SINCE OTHER OPERATIONS COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN. ESTIMATES FIFTEEN DAY STOCKPILE OF CONCENTRATES AVAILABLE AT PRESENT RATE OF PRODUCTION.

3. ON APRIL 22, SINDICATO INDUSTRIAL DE RANCAGUA ( TRANSPORT, SHOPS AND OFFICES), OF 1,300 MEMBERS, VOTED 220 TO 197 TO RETURN TO WORK. CONSIDERING ONLY 417 VOTED, OFFICERS CALLED SECOND MEETING FOR APRIL 23. MARXIST LEADERS ATTEMPTED TO LEAD MINORITY OF SOME 400 WORKERS BACK ON MORNING OF APRIL 23, BUT WERE PHYSICALLY BLOCKED FROM DOING SO BY LARGER GROUP WHICH FAVORS STRIKE. SOME  
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VIOLENCE BUT NO SERIOUS INJURIES RESULTED.

4. SAME ZONAL LEADER REPORTS THT PRES ALLENDE HAS TAKEN FIRM  
STAND ON ISSUE AND DEMANDED RETURN TO WORK BEFORE MANAGEMENT  
WILL DISCUSS SOLUTION.

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